



MNCH2 Monthly Flash Report

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KADUNA



Kaduna State, in northwest Nigeria, has a population of 7.7 million. The state boasts a functional Primary Health Facility in every ward. Immunisation coverage is 25% and antenatal visit attendance has improved from 30% in 2008 to 43.8% in 2017. Contraceptive prevalence rate is 24.10% while unmet need for family planning is 22%. (NUHRI/MICS 2017)

Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported the Kaduna State MNCH Accountability Mechanism (KADMAM) in advocacy to the state government on human resources for health, which resulted in the government's approval to recruit an additional 123 medical doctors, 1000 nurses and midwives, 20 nutritionists, 10 laboratory technicians, 10 pharmacists, 10 pharmacy technicians and 49 sub-staff. Additionally, the programme was able to advocate for more staff during the course of employment, as a result of which 23 more people were hired to reach a total of 1245 staff across the state.
- To improve the quality of health service delivery, MNCH2 supported the state with donation of medical equipment worth 390 million naira.
- To increase access to RMNCH services at the community level, the programme trained 15 traditional and religious leaders, who are currently using religious gatherings to pass messages on the benefits of ANC attendance, facility deliveries, RI and child spacing.

Lessons

- Effective community mobilisation and the provision of free services increase the uptake of family planning services during community outreaches.
- Working with facility staff during outreaches has improved their proficiency in the areas of services delivery and documentation.
- Quarterly data quality audits conducted in collaboration with the State Government have helped improve the reporting rate across primary health centers in the state.

Transition and Sustainability

- To address shortage of human resources for health, the Kaduna State Government has approved rapid employment of all cadres of medical staff.
- The State Government has also approved plans to install solar panels to power rural PHCs, completed renovation of 13 health facilities across the state and built 2 cold medical stores in Zaria and Kafanchan.

“As the programme is planning to exit, we wish to have more of its good work in the state, because their activities have significantly improved the lives of pregnant women and children in the state.”

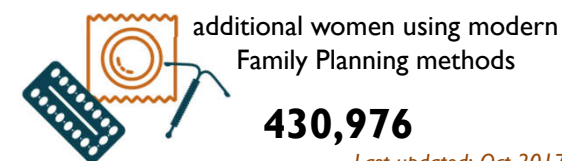
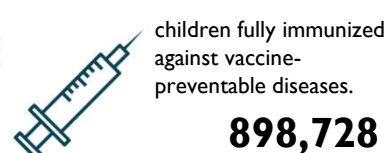
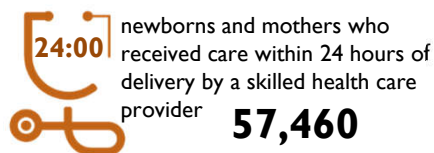
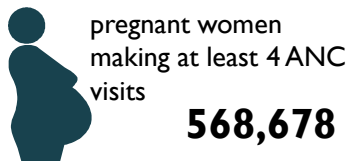
*- Dr Paul Manyo Dogo,
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Priorities for next month

- Monitor and supervise Small Group Intervention activities in eight LGAs.
- Follow up with the State Primary Healthcare Agency (SPHCDA) on procured medical equipment distribution.
- Provide technical support to the State Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance (MPDS) Steering Committee.



Governor Nasiru El-Rufa'i cuts the tape at the Kaduna State Drugs Management Agency to flag-off commencement of distribution of MNCH2 – donated hospital equipment to health facilities across the state.



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